

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A control arrangement for the pressure medium supply of at least two hydraulic consumers, comprising a pump having a variable capacity, and comprising two adjustable meter-in orifices, a first one of which is disposed between a supply line issuing from the pump and a first hydraulic consumer, and ~~the~~a second one of which is disposed between a supply line and a second hydraulic consumer, and comprising two pressure compensators, a first one of which is arranged downstream from the first meter-in orifice, and ~~the~~a second one of which is arranged downstream from the second meter-in orifice, and ~~the~~ control pistons of which are adapted to be subjected on a front side to ~~the~~a pressure downstream from the respective meter-in orifice in ~~the~~an opening direction, and in ~~the~~a closing direction to ~~the~~a highest load pressure or to a pressure derived therefrom, wherein the pump and the meter-in orifices are ~~adjustable, preferably proportionally,~~ ~~characterized~~adjustable by a control means for outputting a control signal to the pump in ~~dependence on the~~which the sum of the target values predetermined for the meter-in ~~orifices~~orifices is considered.

2. (Currently Amended) The control arrangement in accordance with claim 1, wherein ~~the~~a flow rate of the pump may be adjusted electrically by means of proportional solenoids.

3. (Previously Presented) The control arrangement in accordance with claim 1, wherein the meter-in orifice having the highest target value may be opened fully with the aid of the control means, and the other meter-in orifices may be caused to follow up accordingly.

4. (Currently Amended) The control arrangement in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the control means include a data storage wherein the characteristics of the ~~variable displacement~~ pump and of the meter-in orifices are stored.

5. (Currently Amended) The control arrangement in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pump is an axial piston pump.

6. (Currently Amended) The control arrangement in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a rotational speed sensor for detecting ~~the pump speed~~ a speed of the pump.

7. (Currently Amended) The control arrangement in accordance with claim 1, ~~comprising anti-cavitation valves whereby the~~ wherein pressure medium chambers of the consumers ~~may be~~ are connected with a tank, so that pressure medium may be replenished into the pressure medium chambers in the case of a pulling load.

8. (Previously Presented) The control arrangement in accordance with claim 1, wherein the target values are detected in dependence on the adjustment of a joystick or in dependence on the control piston position of the meter-in orifices.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling at least two hydraulic consumers adapted to be supplied with pressure medium through the intermediary of a variable-capacity pump, wherein to each consumer a meter-in orifice is associated, that are provided between the pump and the respective consumer and downstream of which a respective pressure compensator is arranged, the control piston of which is subjected to the pressure behind the upstream meter-in orifice in the opening direction, and in ~~the~~ a closing direction to ~~the~~ a highest load pressure or to a pressure derived therefrom, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pump is operated ~~in dependence on the~~ so that a sum of target values predetermined for the meter-in ~~orifices~~ orifices is considered.

10. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the meter-in orifice to be set to the highest target value is opened fully, and the other meter-in orifices are caused to follow up accordingly.

11. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the flow rate of the pump is reduced and pressure medium is replenished ~~via anti-cavitation valves~~ to the low-pressure side of the consumers in the case of a pulling load.

12. (New) The control arrangement in accordance with claim 1, wherein the pump and the meter-in orifices are adjustable proportionally.